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For: TACKIFIED THERMOPLASTIC-EPOXY PRESSURE SENSITIVE ADHESIVES

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This Amendment follows the Official Action dated July 30, 2001.

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Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending.

§ 103 Rejections

Claims 3-6, 11-14 and 17-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly unpatentable over either of J.P. Derwent Absts. XP002118059 ('059 reference) or XP002118060 ('060 reference) taken in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,789,699 (Kiefer). Applicants request withdrawal of these rejections.

The '059 reference purports to disclose a "heat-sensitive adhesive" comprising a "thermal-hardening agent." The '060 reference purports to disclose compositions comprising a "thermosetting resin."

Kiefer concerns methods of melt-blowing microfibers to construct non-woven webs. The Examples of Kiefer describe melt temperatures of 530 °F (277 °C) and higher.

Without impermissible hindsight, it is impossible to combine these references, since the "heat-sensitive" and "thermosetting" compositions of '059 and '060 are incompatible with the Kiefer disclosure of melt processing at high temperatures.

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